

HONORING U.S. ARMY SERGEANT  
JOSE REGALADO

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Army SGT Jose Regalado who died while serving our country.

SGT Jose Regalado was from El Sereno, California. He was born on May 11, 1985, and attended Sierra Park Elementary School, El Sereno Middle School, and Woodrow Wilson High School. As a high school student, Sergeant Regalado joined the Junior ROTC where he worked hard to move up the JROTC ranks. He earned the position of cadet battalion command sergeant major, the highest noncommissioned officer position in the battalion, and received several of the highest awards possible.

Sergeant Regalado enlisted in the United States Army on July 22, 2003. He was a member of K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Fort Hood, Texas.

On May 3, 2007 Sergeant Regalado married Sharri J. Ford, and on August 6, 2008, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Jaime. Sergeant Regalado was allowed to return to the United States for 18 days to meet his daughter; it would be the first and last time he would spend time with her. Sergeant Regalado lost his life on November 12, 2008, in Mosul, Iraq, as the result of injuries sustained from small arms fire.

As a young man, Sergeant Regalado enriched the lives of his surrounding El Sereno community. His JROTC instructors recall his competitive spirit and noted that while he was very demanding of his cadets, he was well liked and respected. He was a devoted father, even carrying the ultrasound of his unborn daughter in his pocket while in Iraq. He was a loving husband and the proud son of Jose and Raquel Regalado.

Sergeant Regalado served this country with courage, pride and loyalty. He gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country and for that we will be forever grateful to him and his family. My prayers and deepest sympathy go out to his wife and young daughter, family and friends.

IN RECOGNITION OF MADISON  
FORTENBERRY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Fortenberry, whose incredible contributions to the field of robotics at the age of 16 serve as an example to young Americans throughout the United States.

Mr. Fortenberry, a junior at Pace High School in Pace, Florida, has been pursuing his interests in science and technology from an early age. He utilizes multiple computer programming languages and works with a variety of micro-controllers in the creation of his robotics systems. While maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Madison finds time to

teach both basic electronics and micro-controller programming to his high school Robotics Club and to conduct his own robotics summer camp for elementary school children.

Madison has spent years studying and creating robotic systems, but his recent achievement deserves special recognition. Recently, he built a full-size, operational robot that can perform multiple autonomous tasks around Pace High School. The "Versatile General-Purpose Experimental Robot," or VGER, has the ability to accept a message from the school's front office, ascertain a student's scheduled location, deliver the message, and record a response for delivery back to the front office. This self-navigating robot is 5 feet tall, weighs over 200 pounds, contains 2 full computers and 11 micro-controllers, and even carries another small explorer robot that it can release to perform minor tasks. Robots like the VGER are usually developed in the advanced engineering labs of major universities; however, Mr. Fortenberry has created his robot with little assistance from his teachers. To have accomplished this enormous feat at such a young age is a testament to Madison's dedication and passion in the robotics field.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to honor Madison Fortenberry for his accomplishments in robotics, and I wish this young northwest Florida leader the best of luck on his future endeavours.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF  
TERRI BARTLETT AND HER CON-  
TRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S RE-  
PRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IN  
THE U.S. AND AROUND THE  
WORLD

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, throughout my public career I have been a vocal and determined supporter of women's reproductive healthcare, safe motherhood and the belief that all couples have a right to plan their family size by ensuring that women have access to voluntary family planning services. I want women in the U.S. and in every corner of the world to be healthy. Achieving this goal takes hard work and the commitment of people with passion, intellect and a drive to ensure that women have the right to make choices about their own healthcare needs.

In Congress, I have the privilege of voting to support women's reproductive healthcare, but there are many other important people who do the hard work everyday that makes the real differences in women's lives. I had the honor of working with one such person who dedicated her life to serving the health needs of women and their families.

Terri Bartlett was a champion for women and their families. She dedicated three decades of her life to ensuring the most basic right women so often are denied—the right to access safe reproductive healthcare.

I got to know Terri in 2005 in her capacity as Vice President for Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives at Population Action International. Her mantra was expanding access to

contraception for the poorest women on the planet to keep them productive, healthy and alive. Terri impressed me with her energy, good political sense, and tireless commitment.

When Terri and I met it was not a good time in Congress to be advocating for women's reproductive rights. Women healthcare was on the defensive and the world's poorest women who needed U.S. support the most were increasingly being ignored. Their pain, their hopes and their desire for healthier children and control of their own lives was never ignored by Terri. She was their champion. She was often their voice in the halls of Congress.

As we look ahead, with the election of President-Elect Barack Obama and strong Democratic majorities in the U.S. House and Senate, the issues of women's reproductive healthcare and family planning will once again be the focus of constructive action and hopefully increased funding that will put the needs of women first—women in the U.S., as well as women in poor villages in Ethiopia and in the slums of Nairobi. This was the moment and the goal that Terri Bartlett worked so hard to achieve. The repeal of the Global Gag Rule, reinvestment in family planning, and making the lives of poor women a priority were Terri's fights and she fought tirelessly.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, Terri Bartlett died unexpectedly in Nashville, TN. Her passing was a great shock and loss to friends, colleagues and those who loved her. This was a sad loss for me personally.

In my work I get to meet many, many people who try and influence public policy. Terri Bartlett's work and life went beyond shaping public policy. She helped to improve life for millions of women who never knew her. I am grateful for Terri's work and I am thankful she entered my life. She will be missed by many, including me.

WORLD REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD  
CRASH VICTIMS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES

**HON. ROBERT WEXLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in observance of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims and their Families, which was on Sunday, November 16, 2008, and to remember the countless victims of road crashes worldwide and offer my sincerest condolences to their families. Each year, road traffic crashes kill nearly 1.3 million people worldwide and injure over 50 million more. It is time for drastic measures to be taken to counter this unacceptable statistic, and until we take such action, the number of deaths and disabilities from road traffic crashes will continue to increase. At the current rate of growth, road traffic accidents will be the eighth leading cause of death by the year 2030.

The unfortunate reality of traffic accidents is that they are indiscriminate and affect victims regardless of age and class. Globally, more than 40% of all road traffic deaths occur among individuals under 25 years old, and crashes are the second leading cause of death for young people aged 5–25 years. Road crashes also come at a great cost to the